

Cumberland Fire District Transitional Committee Meeting

Minutes

April 28, 2014

7:00pm

Hayden Library

The commissioners for the Cumberland Fire District Transitional Committee in attendance – Michael Spaziani NCFD, Dana Jones CFD, James Leonard CFD, Ron Champagne CHFD, James Scullin VFFD, Gerard Dion VFFD, Arthur Cowell CHFD and John McCoy NCFD

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm.

Motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting was made by Jim Leonard and seconded by Jim Scullin. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial/Legal – Legal deferred to new business. Financial – John McCoy asked for draft budgets to be forwarded to him.

Media – Nothing to Report

Buildings – Dana Jones reported the committee is still looking at locations. National Grid is available for lease. The second floor is not accessible. The first floor would need to be subdivided. Mike Spaziani requested an appointment to look at the space. The committee is still discussing the possibility of using some of the Recue Headquarters. Chief Finlay stated that the administrative offices could fit in the Cumberland Hill Fire Department. Computer hookups, telephone etc are already there.

Apparatus – Ron Champagne reported that CHFD sold car 44 expedition and engine 42 was for sale.

Labor – Mike Spaziani reported that he is still waiting for copies of the contracts. NCFD and CFD should be available by the end of the month.

Insurance- Ron Champagne noted that forms have to be filled out with the new district name on them so insurance coverage and registrations will be valid after the election. Chief Finlay volunteered to coordinate. Liability and accident policies need to be updated at the same time. NCFD will need to have the truck lien re-titled. There will be changes in health coverage as one of the plans is no longer offered by BCBSRI. A discussion of gap insurance and deductibles followed.

Old Business

Individual Districts Liabilities – John McCoy updated balance sheets with information provided by the districts. Mike Spaziani asked that the treasurers look at the balance sheets at their next meeting. Mike Spaziani asked for documentation regarding the individuals now covered under insurance with CHFD. Ron Champagne said there is documentation and he would hand a binder to the new board in November. Ron Champagne is still looking at alternative sources of revenue. He will speak the Rep McLaughlin. A discussion about tax collections, where they stood and what each district used to define late was held. John McCoy questioned if old debt should be written off before the merger.

New Business – The focus group feedback was very helpful. A report will be available at the next meeting. The tax collectors are meeting again to discuss collections, how long it will take, what the impact of annual, semi-annual or quarterly will have on manpower. Jim Leonard stated that the by-laws dictate staff. He felt that it might be amended based on the need. John McCoy asked that any comments on the by-laws be sent to him prior to the next meeting. Mike Spaziani questioned if a part-time Fire Administrator was needed to facilitate this process. He felt that each district should budget 10K. Chief Finlay requested a new committee be set up with a representative from each district to come up with patch and badge designs for the new District. Jim Bardsley, Matt Printer, Chris Smith and Dave Cinqmars have shown interest. Jim Scullin made a motion to create a new Patch/Badge committee, Dana Jones seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Dana Jones reported that Chief Cimino was the point person to collate all historic information about the 4 districts. He requested copies of pictures, news articles, and other historic information, Public Comment – questions about social security were answered.

Next Meeting – May 19, 2014 7pm Meeting adjourned 8:06.